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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MARCOS' 1977 TRAVEL PLANS

1. DURING TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 27 DEVOTED
PRIMARILY TO MINDANAO (SEPTTEL), PRESIDENT MARCOS WAS ASKED
BY JAPANESE NEWSMAN WHETHER HE PLANNED TO VISIT TOKYO OR
WASHINGTON IN 1977. MARCOS RESPONDED THAT SEVERAL
JAPANESE PRIME MINISTERS HAD VISITED THE PHILIPPINES SINCE
HIS OWN STATE VISIT TO JAPAN IN 1966 AND THAT DIPLOMATIC
COURTESY REQUIRED THAT HE RETURN THESE VISITS. MARCOS
SAID: "I INTEND TO COMPLY WITH MY DIPLOMATIC OBLIGATIONS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT A WASHINGTON VISIT, MARCOS
SAID: "INTEND TO COMPLY WITH MY DIPLOMATIC OBLIGATIONS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT A WASHINGTON VISIT, MARCOS NOTED THAT
GOP STILL WAS ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED
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STATES ON BASES AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. PRESIDENT SUGGESTED
IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT
ON A WASHINGTON VISIT BECAUSE OF THESE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS.
IN REPORTING PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT DECEMBER 28 TIMES
JOURNAL SAYS THAT THE ANSWER "OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED THAT
NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE BASES QUESTION."

3. COMMENT MARCOS WAS CIRCUMSPECT IN HIS COMMENT ON
POSSIBLE WASHINGTON VISIT, BUT IMPLICATION OF HIS REMARKS
WAS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ONCE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS
CONCLUDED. SOURCE CLOSE TO MALACANANG RECENTLY TOLD
POLCOUNS MARCOS IS ANXIOUS TO VISIT US IN MID 1977.
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